

Food Industry Recycling: Timing is Everything

ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED

Schulze Burch Biscuit Company
Smurfit Stone Recycling

SUMMARY

The Schulze Burch Biscuit Company identified an opportunity to increase their paper and fiber recycling if they could find a service provider willing to provide more frequent pickups of waste products.

BACKGROUND

Due to space constraints and other health hazards, food industry recycling is often not feasible within Chicago.

THE WTPN CONNECTION

Working together with several WTP food Industry members, Schulze Burch identified an opportunity for Smurfit Stone Recycling to increase waste pickups and improve logistics through milk runs. This logistical tactic allows the waste hauler, Smurfit Stone, to pick up more materials from several localized companies at once thus creating profitability for all parties as well as cleaner practices for the food industry in Chicago. The Waste to Profit Team introduced the involved partners to the concept and facilitated the preliminary discussions surrounding fiber waste recycling in both network functions and outside meetings.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Enhanced recycling within Chicago Food Industry
- Created cost savings in disposal and hauling fees
- Sets a standard which other food industry members can replicate.
- CO2 savings from increased recycling of fiber and paper products

